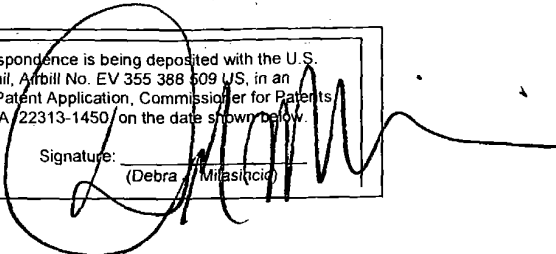


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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the enclosed above-titled International patent application as:

Please amend claims 21 and 22, as follows:

21. (Amended) The method of claim 18 or 20, wherein the cell is a muscle cell or a precursor thereof.

22. (Amended) The method of claim 18 or 20, wherein the cell is an adipocyte or a precursor thereof.

Please add new claims 25 and 26, as follows:

25. The method of claim 19, wherein the cell is a muscle cell or a precursor thereof.
26. The method of claim 19, wherein the cell is an adipocyte or a precursor thereof.